HOUSE BILL 2602

By McKenzie

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, relative to financial aid.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-706(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (4) and substituting instead the following:

- (4) Each fellowship award is:
 - (A) In the amount of:
 - (i) The cost of tuition and fees at the institution in which the recipient is enrolled, if the recipient is enrolled in a degree program leading to licensure as a teacher in a four-year public institution of higher education with an approved educator preparation program; or
 - (ii) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000), if the recipient is enrolled in a degree program leading to licensure as a teacher in a private institution of higher education with an approved educator preparation program; and
- (B) Renewable up to three (3) times, contingent upon satisfactory academic progress.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to minority teaching fellowship awards for the 2022-2023 academic year and for each academic year thereafter.